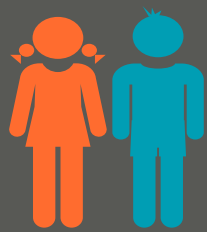


There are nearly **800 MILLION** illiterate people in the world.¹

Illiteracy doesn't discriminate. It's a global concern, especially in some areas of Asia and Africa and for women and girls in developing countries.

WHO are they?

496 million—two thirds of the global illiterate population—are women.²



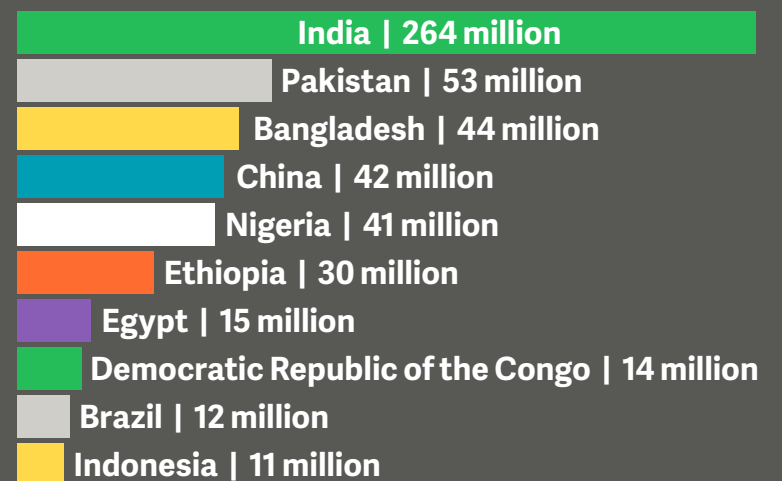
126 million are youth (between the ages of 15–24).³

WHERE are they?

10 countries account for **67%** of all illiterate adults.⁴

Countries with the lowest literacy rates (below 50%):⁵

Afghanistan 38%	Chad 40%	Liberia 48%
Benin 38%	Côte d'Ivoire 43%	Mali 39%
Burkina Faso 36%	Ethiopia 49%	Niger 19%
Central African Republic 37%	Guinea 30%	Sierra Leone 48%



30 million adults in the U.S. are functionally illiterate, reading below fifth-grade level.⁶



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